

Small Submits for

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OMIC Subcommittee Action Taken in Regard to Requirements Submitted
by ED/OSI/[REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] ED/OSI on 21 February 1957 briefed the Subcommittee members on significant conclusions arrived at upon a comprehensive analysis of information derived in part from the interrogation of the [REDACTED] group. This briefing presented information to the effect that the program carried out by the Soviets in the development of the [REDACTED] (YO-YO) system was a project being developed by the MVD. In essence, the analysis presented the possibility that the development of this system as reported, could have been a planned "ruse" by the Soviets. It was also noted that this deception may have been accomplished in such a manner that [REDACTED] could have abetted its furtherance unwittingly.

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2. After some discussion, it was decided that more time would be necessary for the members to review the information and conclusions, and to decide what action should be taken. These decisions were to be made at a forthcoming meeting on 1 March 1957.

3. At the meeting of 1 March 1957, the Subcommittee voted that the subject analysis was not considered favorable to submit as a formal requirement at this time. The requirement was therefore withdrawn and it was recommended that it be deferred until such time that the concept can be more fully supported. The following reasons were given for rejection:

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a. The "General Guide for the Interrogation [REDACTED] presents, for the most part, the questions put forth in [REDACTED] requirement. It was recognized that the specific line of questioning was considered desirable in the reasoning of [REDACTED]. However, it was deemed advisable that the results of the interrogation be investigated for these implications rather than change the line of questioning.

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b. Has a full analysis been made that would not only support, but also deny the factors upon which the premise of this paper is based? If the affiliation with the MVD indicates a departmental project as a concept of deception, does current intelligence information regarding the system provide supporting evidence?

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c. In view of a. and b., it does not seem advisable to disrupt the proceedings of REG. The implication that the system could be a hoax may have a very undesirable affect on the interrogation effort.

d. It is also granted that REG is constantly aware that such a situation as presented in the requirement may be encountered at any time and that they are cognizant of their responsibility to determine whether or not the data being acquired is "planted".

e. There was also some disagreement to the validity of the conclusions and until such time as these factors were resolved, the requirement should not be forwarded.

4. Although the requirement was rejected, there was much appreciation voiced to the fact that this analysis and briefing may act as an instrument to alert the intelligence community to the possibilities regarding the STD activity.

5. It was recommended that [REDACTED] review the cited interrogation guide (3-a.), and supplement this with questions in a requirement that may fulfill the existing gaps in the analysis presented without providing REG with the full presentation and speculations.

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